

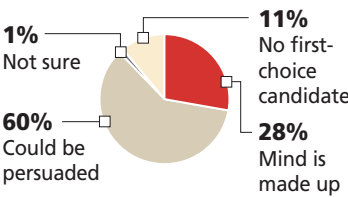
Top-tier candidates climb, fall

Newt Gingrich, who was tied for fifth in the late October Iowa Poll, now leads the field. Mitt Romney, in second a month ago, and Ron Paul, in third at the time, have switched places. Support for Paul rose, while support for Romney fell. Reinforcing Gingrich's strength: He leads the categories of both top choice and of second choice.

Question: If the Republican caucuses were today, which candidate would be your first choice for president? And who would your second choice be? And, who do you like the least?

	First choice	Second choice	Like least
Michele Bachmann	8%	11%	15%
Herman Cain	8%	9%	11%
Newt Gingrich	25%	18%	6%
Jon Huntsman	2%	2%	7%
Ron Paul	18%	7%	13%
Rick Perry	6%	12%	10%
Mitt Romney	16%	15%	15%
Rick Santorum	6%	4%	4%
Other	–	1%	1%
Not sure	11%	10%	18%
No first choice	n/a	11%	n/a

Question: Is your mind made up to support (candidate named as first choice) or could you still be persuaded to support another candidate as your first choice?



Question: For each of the following, please indicate if this is or is not a reason your mind is not made up to support your first choice. Just answer yes or no.

You are concerned there may be a new revelation about your first-choice candidate that would make you not want to support him or her.	25%
There is something you already know about your candidate that makes you uneasy.	16%
You just always keep your mind open to change to another candidate closer to caucus night.	92%
None of these	3%
Not sure	–

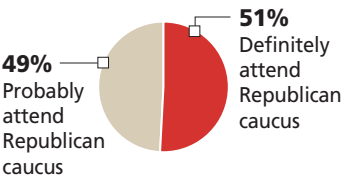
Note: Base equals 240 respondents

Question: Regardless of which candidate you support as your first choice, which one would you say is:

	Bachmann	Cain	Gingrich	Huntsman	Paul	Perry	Romney	Santorum	None/not sure
The most presidential	4%	3%	25%	2%	9%	10%	34%	4%	9%
The most negative	9%	9%	7%	4%	19%	16%	9%	5%	22%
The least knowledgeable	22%	27%	1%	9%	4%	10%	3%	5%	19%
The most likely to have a scandal in the White House if elected	3%	35%	14%	1%	2%	8%	5%	1%	31%
The most principled	17%	4%	11%	2%	24%	7%	14%	11%	10%
The best able to bring Republicans and Democrats together	5%	6%	27%	3%	9%	5%	23%	3%	19%
The most fiscally responsible	8%	7%	15%	1%	32%	9%	13%	3%	12%
The most socially conservative	27%	5%	10%	1%	17%	5%	8%	13%	14%
The most knowledgeable about the world	2%	2%	58%	5%	12%	3%	6%	2%	10%
The best able to bring about real change	8%	7%	27%	2%	18%	7%	14%	4%	13%
The most electable in the general election	3%	6%	22%	1%	6%	10%	38%	2%	12%
The most likable	17%	14%	8%	3%	10%	12%	19%	8%	9%
The most experienced	1%	2%	58%	1%	13%	5%	11%	1%	8%
The most like Ronald Reagan	6%	5%	25%	1%	9%	9%	11%	4%	30%
The best able to turn the economy around	4%	9%	22%	2%	17%	11%	20%	3%	12%
The best debater	4%	4%	50%	–	9%	4%	14%	1%	14%

Source: Iowa Poll of 401 likely Republican caucusgoers, Nov. 27-30

The poll contacted 2,222 registered Republican and independent voters in Iowa; 401 plan to attend the GOP caucuses. Here's the breakdown between those who definitely plan to attend and those who probably plan to attend.



Question: Is there a candidate who used to be your first or second choice whom you no longer support? If yes, which candidate or candidates would that be?

Michele Bachmann	5%
Herman Cain	11%
Newt Gingrich	1%
Jon Huntsman	–
Ron Paul	1%
Rick Perry	8%
Mitt Romney	2%
Rick Santorum	1%
No, no one else was first or second choice	68%
Not sure	3%

Question: Which of the candidates have you already seen in person within the last year? Which of the others would you most like to see in person before the caucuses?

	Have seen	Like to see
Michele Bachmann	20%	14%
Herman Cain	12%	16%
Newt Gingrich	10%	26%
Jon Huntsman	3%	7%
Ron Paul	15%	14%
Rick Perry	8%	17%
Mitt Romney	12%	15%
Rick Santorum	12%	11%
None	64%	30%
Not sure	1%	9%

Question: Have you attended caucuses in the past, or will this be your first caucus?

